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SUBJ: OFFICIAL VISIT OF CONGOLESE PRESIDENT MARIEN N'BOUABI

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BEGIN SUMMARY. PRESIDENT OF CONGO MARIEN N'GOUABI  
COMPLETED FOUR-DAY VISIT TO SENEGAL JAN 15. N'GOUABI  
WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY VICE-PRIME MINISTER CHARLES  
N'GOUOTO-MOKOTO, MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DAVID GANAO,  
AND LARGE PARTY INCLUDING CONGOLESE PRESS. RED  
CARPET TREATMENT EXTENDED CONGOLESE BY SENECALESE  
GOVT MEDIA AND POPULATION. N'GOUABI VISITED SAINT  
LOUIS FOR LAYING OF CORNERSTONE OF NEW UNIV. (SEE  
REFTEL), HAD WORKING MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR  
AND SENECALESE MINS, AND ADDRESSED MILITANTS OF  
UNION PROGRESSISTE SENECALAISE. EACH PRESIDENT SHOWED  
RESPECT FOR OTHER'S PATH TO SOCIALISM. N'BOUABI'S  
SPEECHES MAY HAVE STIRRED IMAGINATION OF SENECALESE  
LEFT TO SENGHOR'S DETRIMENT, BUT AT SAME TIME,  
SENGHOR DEMONSTRATED WILLINGNESS TO DIALOGUE WITH  
A RADICAL, FELLOW AFRICAN LEADER. ON SOUTHEAST ASIA JOINT  
COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTED GRUNK AND PRG IT ALSO EXPRESSED  
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SATISFACTION INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RECOGNIZING NATIONAL

FACT OF IDNAEL, AND ENDORSED THIRD-WORLD QUEST FOR NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. N'GOUABI CUT IMPRESSIVE FIGURE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN SPEECHES, N'GOUABI CAREFULLY PRAISED SENGHOR AND EMPHASIZED "COMPLEMENTARITY" OF TWO PATHS TO SOCIALISM CHOSEN BY SENEGAL AND CONGO. AT SAME TIME HE PUT GREATER STRESS ON MARXIST-LENINIST STYLE OF SOCIALISM. PRESIDENT SENGHOR RECIPROCATED N'GOUABI'S PRAISE AND ATTITUDE WITH REGARD TO NECESSITY FOR DIFFERENT AFRICAN SOCIALIST SYSTEMS, EMPHASIZING LATTER POINT MORE THAN N'GOUABI. BOTH ON FOREIGN ISSUES AND ON TYPE OF SOCIALISM MOST SUITABLE FOR AFRICA, N'GOUABI MADE MANY REMARKS, ESPECIALLY IN UPS SPEECH, WHICH MUST HAVE APPEALED TO THOSE SENECALESE ON LEFT END OF POLITICAL SPECTRUM. AT SAME TIME, HE SUCCESSFULLY AND CLEVERLY AVOIDED TOO GREAT STRESS ON DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CONGO AND SENEGAL WHICH MIGHT HAVE OFFENDED HIS HOSTS. SUMMARIES OF N'GOUABI'S REMARKS IN LOCAL PRESS LEFT OUTMORE RADICAL STATEMENTS AND MOST OF HIS CRITISMS OF FRANCE. SENGHOR, IN TOAST AT DINNER, NOTED THAT CONGO AND SENEGAL BOTH AGREED IT WAS NECESSARY MAINTAIN PRESSURE OF ARMS AND OPTION OF DIALOGUE IN RELATIONS WITH WHITE REGIMES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. NEITHER PRESIDENT IN SPEECHES MADE ANY ANTI-US REMARKS, EXCEPT FOR FLEETING REFERENCE BY N'GOUABI BEFORE UPS AUDIENCE TO SOME ANTI-PROGRESSIVE COUPS IN AFRICA, WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN "TELEGUIDED BY COLONIALIST POWERS AND CIA." ACCORDING TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TRSENEGALOSE HAD INFORMED CONGOLESE THAT US AMBASSADOR WOULD BE INVITED TO OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS DURING VISIT AND CONGOLESE ENDORSED THE DECISION. AT VARIOUS EVENTS, PRESIDENT N'GOUABI WENT OUT OF HIS WAY SEVERAL TIMES TO EXCHANGE CORDIAL REMARKS WITH AMBASSADOR AGGREY, BUT THERE WERE NO REFERENCES TO STATE OF US-CONGOLESE BILATERAL REALTIONS.

3. IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE, TWO CHIEFS OF STATE TOOK STRONG ANTI-SAIGON STANCE ON VIETNAM, AND, WITH REGARD CONFIDENTIAL

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CAMBODIA, GAVE EQUALLY STRONG SUPPORT TO SIHANOUK'S GRUNK. REFERENCE TO PALESTINIANS WAS SURPRISINGLY OMITTED FROM PASSGE ON MIDDLE EAST. PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH FACT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CONSIDERED THAT HENCEFORTH SOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST QUESTION WOULD INCLUDE (PASSE PAR) RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL FACT OF ISRAEL. ALSO THAT COMMUNITY WANTS PEACE IN REGION ESTABLISHED ON BASIS

OF SECURE AND RECOGNIZED FRONTIERS FOR EACH STATE IN  
ARE. N'GOUABI AND SENGHOR CALLED FOR INCREASED AID  
TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND PRESSURE ON  
MINORITY REGIMES TO FOLLOW PROTUGUESE EXAMPLE. TWO  
CHIEFS OF STATE ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH  
PROGRESS TOWARDS UNITY IN ANGOLA. THEY EXPRESSED  
SUPPORT FOR THIRD WORLD EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A NEW  
ECONOMIC ORDER. THEY AGREED THAT CONF. OF DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES ON RAW MATERIALS TO BE HELD IN  
DAKAR FEB 3 TO FEB 8 WOULD HELP DEVELOP  
EFFECTIVE STRATEGY IN SUPPORT OF THIRD-WORLD INTERESTS.

4. ON BILATERAL MATTERS, COMMUNIQUE REVIEWED ACCOMPLISH-  
MENTS OF TWO COUNTRIES AT TIME OF SENGHOR'S VISIT TO  
BRAZZAVILLE LAST FEB, NAMELY, CONCLUSION  
COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT AND FORMATION MIXED COMMISSION TO  
SUPERVISE BILATERAL REALTIONS. IN ADDITION, COMMUNIQUE  
ANNOUNCED THAT FISHING AND MERCHANT MARINE ACCORD HAD JUST  
BEEN CONCLUDED AND LETTERS EXCHANGED CONCERNING SITUATION  
OF SENEGALESE EMIGRES IN CONGO.

5. COMMENT: N'GOUABI IMPRESSED AMBASSADOR AS  
PERSONABLE, INTELLIGENT, HIGHLY ARTICULATE, SELF-ASSURED  
AND TOUGH-MINDED. BOTH HIS WELL-WRITTEN PREPARED SPEECHES  
AND EXTEMPOREANOUS REMARKS WERE WELL-DELIVERED.  
EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN PRESIDENTS SENGHOR AND  
N'GOUABI PROBABLY RESULTED FROM DESIRE OF SENGHOR TO  
DEMONSTRATE TO HIS LESS MODERATE FOLLOWERS THAT HE ON  
GOOD TERMS WITH A RADICAL AFRICAN STATE AND N'BOUABI'S  
DESIRE TO SHOW HE ON GOOD TERMS WITH MODERATE ONE.  
SINCE N'GOUABI'S VISIT TO SENEGAL WAS FOLLOWED BY IVORY  
COAST SOJOURN, IT NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT SENGHOR AND  
HOUPHOUET ARE SEEKING TO MODERATE CONGOLESE REVOLUTION  
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AND BRING CONGO CLOSER TO FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN MAINSTREAM.  
HOWEVER, IN SENEGAL, POPULAR AND THOUGHTFUL  
RECEPTION GIVEN N'GOUABI BY MANY IN HIS AUDIENCES LEFT  
IMPRESSION THAT VISIT MAY HAVE STIMULATED WISHES OF SOME  
DISADVANTAGED SENEGALESE TO MOVE CLOSER TO AN AFRICAN  
SOCIALISM AKIN TO N'GOUABI'S VARIETY.

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